

Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits this amendment in full compliance with the Examiner's teaching in the non-final rejection of March 17, 2008. No arguments presented in this amendment.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claims 1-11 due to informalities. As taught and suggested by the Examiner, Applicant has corrected "support *value*" to -- support *valve* -- in each occurrence in Claims 1 and 2.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

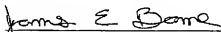
The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Kapeker's USP 3,071,935. In response, Applicant has incorporated allowable Claim 7 to Claim 1, thereby deleting original Claim 7 without prejudice. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Allowable Claims

Claim 12 was allowed. Claims 2-11 were allowable. Applicant has amended Claim 1 being combined with allowable claim 7. Accordingly, Applicant now believes that Claims 1-6 and 8-12 are in condition for allowance and respectfully submits that a timely notice of allowance be issued on this case.

Respectively submitted,

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